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DIVISION OF  
OIL, GAS & MINING

Mr. Ronald W. Daniels  
Coordinator of Mined Land Development  
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining  
Department of Natural Resources  
1588 West North Temple  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

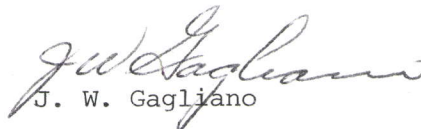
Dear Mr. Daniels:

This is to confirm in writing the verbal notification given to you and Mary Ann Wright by R. W. MacCannon on March 5, 1981, concerning the indefinite suspension of operations of CF&I Steel Corporation's Comstock Mine because of economic conditions. CF&I will, however, continue its annual assessment work which is required yearly on ten unpatented mining claims in the area.

It is the understanding of CF&I Steel Corporation that this notification fulfills the requirement of *Rule M-7(1)* concerning temporary suspensions of mining operations of less than two years. At the present time, it is not known as to what period of time operations will be suspended and as discussed, the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining after its review is to inform CF&I Steel Corporation as to what data and possible action would be required if the suspension of operations were to exceed two years. As a part of the review, if you wish, a representative of CF&I Steel Corporation will attend a meeting of the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining to answer any questions which would aid the Board in its deliberations on this matter.

CF&I Steel Corporation appreciates your understanding of the circumstances concerning the uncertainty as to the time of any future operations taking place at the Comstock operations and will keep you informed as to any changes in status of the operation.

Yours very truly,

  
J. W. Gagliano

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